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VIRGINIA LEE NAME SELECTED FOR NEW PENNSY FERRYBOAT

Name of Winner of $100 Prize Offered By Railroad Not Yet Known

The management of the Pennsylvania Railroad has selected the name "Virginia Lee" for the new passenger and freight steamer which is now in course of construction and will be placed in service between Norfolk and Cape Charles this summer. Announcement of the decision has just been received by Randolph B. Cooke, the company's general freight and passenger agent in Norfolk.

The name was selected from a list of three submitted by a committee of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, as the result of a prize contest held for the purpose at the request of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Over 10,000 suggestions were received. Besides "Virginia Lee" the committee offered the names "Del-Mar-Va" and "Lady Chesapeake" for consideration. While the Pennsylvania Railroad regards them all as having merit, it was felt that the name "Virginia Lee," combining the name of the State with that of one of it's most representative and historic annals was most appropriate.

The identity of the winner is not as yet known to the Pennsylvania Railroad but the prize of $100 will be presented by Mr. Cooke to the person designated by the Chamber of Commerce as having been the first to suggest the name "Virginia Lee."

The new steamer, which will embody the last word in steel ship construction, will be 300 feet in length with 50 foot beam, and will have a carrying capacity of 1,200 passengers. It will be of 2,400 h. p.p and will be capable of a sustained average speed of 18 miles per hour.

One of the most important features will be special accommodations for the transportation of automobiles across the capes. This is in recognition of the fact that the Norfolk gateway, in combination with the highway down the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula, offers an advantageous route for motorists from New England points, New York and Philadelphia to the South. Space will be provided for 46 cars.

The vessel will have three decks, the two upper decks being devoted to passenger transportation. The lower deck, in addition to accommodating the automobiles, will also carry freight. On the upper deck there will be two passenger saloons, while the hurricane or top deck will provide staterooms for passengers, officers' quarters and a sheltered space aft for summer use.

The two vessels at present operating between Norfolk and Cape Charles have a combined capacity of 2,000 passengers. The new vessel will increase this by 60 per cent.

The name of the winner of the $100 prize offered for suggestion of the accepted name will be announced later.

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